Senior Scale/Selection Grade, certain conditions as stipulated in the orders are required to be fulfilled. Most of the teachers working in the Government aided colleges do not fulfil stipulated conditions. The cases of such teachers as are found eligible will be processed in due course by the Union Territory Administration.

Concluding Function of the French Festival in India

62. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the concluding function of the French Festival in India was held in January, 1990 in Delhi;

(b) what were the basis of preparing the lists of invitees to the concluding function; and

(c) what was the number of public men and officials, respectively, who were invited to the function?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) Yes Sir, on 18th and 19th January, 1990.

(b) Letters were issued to persons listed in the protocol list maintained by the Home Ministry, Heads of all Diplomatic Missions in Delhi, leading journalists and artistes, musicians and dancer from a list maintained by the ICCR|Sangeet Natak Akademi asking them to indicate their willingness to attend the function. Invitations were issued only to those who confirmed. Also notice was given in the daily papers for the public to collect invitations from selected centres.

(c) Number of public men was approximately 3,000 and officials approximately 1,000.

Retirement of Armed Forces Personnel including AMC Doctors

63. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that armed forces personnel including AMC personnel, are retired much earlier than their counterparts in civil services with a view to retaining youth in the forces;

(b) if so, what are the schemes for utilising the services of Ex-AMC doctors after being relieved from Army; and

(c) whether such ex-AMC doctors are inducted direct into the Central Health Services, on priority basis, without going through a fresh selection test through UPSC; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Yes, Sir, excepting in case of a few higher grades.

(b) Short Service Commissioned Officers (SSCOs) of Army Medical Corps on completion of ten years' continued commissioned service are granted rehabilitation assistance of Rs. 7,000. To assist ex-Army Medical Corps Officers in finding employment, biodata of such officers are forwarded on request to hospitals and other employing agencies.

(c) Ex-Army Medical Corps doctors are allowed age relaxation from 3 to 10 years against prescribed age limit of 30 years for recruitment to the Central Health Service through UPSC. Recruitment to the Central

Health Services is done on a competitive basis through the UPSC in accordance with the Recruitment rules prescribed which do not provide for recruitment without selection test for any special category.

Objection to Education Policy

64. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of serious objections to the Education Policy of the previous Government, voiced by organisations of teachers and students; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken to remove objectionable features of the said policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) and (b) Government is aware of objections raised in some quarters, including teachers and students and their organisations, to certain provisions of New Education Policy Government have decided to undertake a review of the policy based on which revisions as called for will be carried out.

Workshop on Technological Change and Women

65. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a five day workshop on "Technological change and Women" was held in New Delhi from the 5th February, 1990;

(b) if so, what specific observations and suggestions were made therein; and

(c) what action has since been taken in the light thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Specific observations were made on:

(i) women as entrepreneurs

(ii) women in S&T Education

(iii) S&T for women

(iv) Women's health & occupational hazards

(v) New technologies and women's interests

Following suggestions emerged with regard to above observations:—

(i) Setting up of a regional Network of organisations working on application of S &T for solving women's problems.

(ii) Exchange and collation of documents on policies and plans of various countries to serve as reference material for future S&T policies.

(iii) Setting up of country data bases on women workers, women in S&T subjects, women in S&T professions, women in S&T Education etc.

(iv) Seting up of a cell or Institution to analyse problems of women from a multidimensional angle.

(c) Draft recommendations have been sent to the participants for their comments for preparing appropriate action plans